



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF
ECW-15J

Mike Welu
Plant Manager
Rantoul Foods, LLC
205 Turner Drive
Rantoul, Illinois 61886

Re: Information Request under Section 308(a) of the CWA Issued to Rantoul Foods, LLC, on October 13, 2020; Follow-up Request for Information

Dear Mike Welu:

This letter follows up on our previous request for information issued to you on October 13, 2020. Pursuant to that request, you provided documents and information on March 12, 2021. In light of the information you provided, and also pursuant to section 308(a) of the CWA and the previously issued request (attached), we are requesting additional information. This supplemental request is subject to all the legal definitions, conditions and requirements contained in the previous request for information, including the requirement for a responsible officer to attest to the authenticity of the information provided, the particular requirements for the submission and the recitation of potential civil and criminal penalties for failure to respond accurately to the request.

You should submit your answer within 30 calendar days of your receipt of this request. If you have any questions regarding the request, please contact Val Dooling at dooling.valerie@epa.gov or (312) 886-7167. Your attorney may contact Robert Guenther at guenther.robert@epa.gov or (312) 886-0566.

The specific information requested is as follows:

Wastewater Facility Construction

- A. Any copies of analysis Rantoul Foods or its agents have completed or reviewed since January 2017, regarding the city's ability and/or capacity to fully treat wastewater from the *current* Rantoul Foods wastewater treatment facility prior to any future updates or modifications. Documents may include but is not limited to:
 - i. Study of the wastewater treatment facility
 - ii. Study of biological activity effectiveness
 - iii. Lists of treatment chemicals
 - iv. Hydraulic and organic design parameters for the current wastewater treatment plant
- B. State whether any changes are in progress or planned for the Rantoul Foods

wastewater treatment facility. If so, provide all documentation regarding planned or potential wastewater construction, which may include, but is not limited to:

- i. Narrative description of the planned or potential upgrades to the wastewater pretreatment system including the goal of the pretreatment project;
 - ii. Engineering studies or evaluations used to design the proposed changes including hydraulic and organic design parameters for the proposed wastewater treatment plant;
 - iii. Flow diagram(s) for the wastewater facility pretreatment units with identification of all units and their capacity and purpose;
 - iv. Copies of any application and supporting materials for a permit to install, correspondence received from IEPA regarding the permit, and any final permits received.
 - v. Records of Rantoul Food's capital expenditures. Include but not limited to purchase orders for any equipment or service, engineering documents, studies, price quotes, contracts, memos or other records describing costs to the wastewater treatment plant including cost for the following treatment units:
 - vi. Schedule of proposed changes to the wastewater treatment plant including documentation of the expected start and completion of construction and operational dates.
 - a. rotary screen;
 - b. Primary dissolved air floatation (DAF) system;
 - c. Covered anaerobic lagoon;
 - d. Moving bed bioreactor;
 - e. Final clarifier;
 - f. Alum or ferric chloride feed; and
 - g. Any other unit used for process wastewater treatment.
 - vii. Schedule of proposed changes to the wastewater treatment plant including documentation of the expected start and completion of construction and operational dates.
- C. Provide start and end dates for previous construction projects occurring at the facility between January 1, 2017 and present. If applicable, include dates for projects called Health Addition, Butina Pit, Site Improvement, BRS Facility and NW Addition or other project that occurred at the facility during this time period.
- D. Provide copies of any application and supporting materials for a permit to discharge of stormwater associated with any industrial activity, include correspondence received from IEPA regarding the permit, and any final permits received.

- E. Provide any documentation including engineering drawings or construction plans to indicate the size and volume of water in the north stormwater pond and frequency and volume of periodic controlled discharges of stormwater from the north stormwater pond into the storm sewer system along Country Road 1300 E. Provide any documentation including engineering drawings or construction plans to indicate the size and volume of water in the south stormwater pond and frequency and volume of periodic controlled discharges of stormwater from the south stormwater pond into the storm sewer system along Country Road 1300 E.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Harris
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